

Devon & Cornwall Gathering  
**Quakers in Britain in the 21st Century**

11<sup>th</sup> February 2012, St Austell FMH

**Provisional timetable**

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| 10.30         | Arrivals   |
| 11.00 — 11.30 | Opening worship  |
| 11.30 — 12.30 | Welcome<br>Introductory talk by Paul Parker, Recording Clerk, BYM.<br>Paul will introduce his work as Recording Clerk, and give an overview of the work being done on behalf of Quakers in Britain by the paid staff at Friends House.<br>He will then move on to focus on the future of Quakerism in Britain and will explore his belief that Quakers are about to go 'Whoosh!' into the 21st century, why he feels that, and what some of the challenges may be along the way.<br>The session will finish with some challenging questions which will form the basis of the discussions in the afternoon Paul will explain how. |
| 12.30 — 13.45 | Lunch interval   |
| 13.45 — 14.30 | Small group discussion (2 groups in main room, 1 in side room), focussing on the three questions from the close of the morning session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is our dream for Quakers in Britain in 10 years' time?</li><li>• What new life do we see among Friends in the South West, and how can we encourage it to flourish?</li><li>• What barriers do we see, and how can we work together to overcome them?</li></ul>  |
| 14.30 — 15.00 | Plenary to hear feedback and discuss the groups' work. Discussion of any actions which can be taken back for further discussion at local or area meetings.   |
| 15.00 — 15.15 | Closing business / minute of record.   |
| 15.15         | Tea and departure  |